

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Pedestrian Safety Tips

Thousands of pedestrians are killed in traffic every year. Whether you walk for pleasure, exercise, or out of necessity or preference, we offer the following tips to keep you safer:

When crossing at an intersection, look left-right-left and over your shoulder, and cross as quickly as possible.

Respect traffic signals. Be patient, and do not cross against red lights or warning signals.

Pay attention, you may have the right of way but there is no guarantee drivers will see or stop for you. Make eye contact with motorists to ensure they see you.

Walk on the sidewalk or on the shoulder, and if there is no sidewalk, walk facing



oncoming traffic.

Don't walk while under the influence of alcohol, as it greatly increases your chances of suffering an accident.

Take extra care at dusk and at night. Drivers cannot avoid what they cannot see, and many drivers have diminished night vision.

Wear reflective clothing and shoes during darkness.

Supervise and teach children safe walking, remembering that children under nine years old often lack judgment to make safe choices when dealing with traffic. Their size also makes them difficult for motorists to see.

Highlight: New Laws for 2014

The following is by no means a complete list, but we chose to highlight a couple new laws we feel are likely relevant to the Covina community.

Beginning Jan. 1, teen drivers will not be allowed to write, send or read texts behind the

wheel, even if they are using a hands-free device.

Another law affecting all motorists stipulates drivers must provide at least three feet of distance between cars and cyclists while passing. Motorists who fail to give cyclists the

adequate space will face fines beginning in mid-September.

Drivers will soon be able to park for free at meters that do not work. A new law taking effect in 2014 prohibits cities from ticketing motorists for parking at broken meters.

Honor – Integrity – Service

Firearms Security

Firearms are often stolen during residential burglaries, and can be used in the commission of other crimes.

Owning a firearm is a great responsibility and should never be left where unauthorized persons have access to it, especially while you are away from home. Firearms should be locked inside a cabinet or safe. Hiding a firearm in a closet or on a shelf offers little protection from theft and makes them easily accessible to anyone in the home.

If a locked cabinet or drawer is not available, trigger locks should be used. While trigger locks may not guard against theft, it does help make the firearm inoperable.

The Covina Police Department participates in "Project ChildSafe". This program promotes safe handling and storage of firearms by providing **FREE** gun locks. These gun locks are California DOJ approved and are available through the Crime Prevention office. If interested, you can call (626) 384-5630 or email cbobkiewicz@covina.ca.gov.

Teaching Kids How to Call for Help

Even very young children can be taught how to place an emergency call for help. The most important advice is for them to stay calm and speak slowly and clearly.

To place a call to 911 and talk to the operator, kids should know:

1. How to dial 911
2. Their full name
3. Their full address
4. How to give a short description of the emergency

It is also helpful for your kids to know their phone number. The dispatcher will often ask this question in case the call is disconnected. 911 calls from landlines usually show up on the dispatcher's screen, but calls from mobile phones do not.

Have your kids practice by speaking into a telephone (make sure the telephone is off). Suggest a situation, such as: "Mommy's fallen down the stairs and can't get to the phone. Now what do you do?"

After your child enters the number, prompt him or her with questions that an emergency operator would ask, such as "What is your name, where are you calling from, and what is the emergency?" Stress that the description should be short ("Mommy fell down the stairs") and that he or she should try to stay calm. Practice until your child feels comfortable.

No one wants to think about an emergency happening at home, but it is better to face that possibility than to be caught unprepared, and it could save a life.

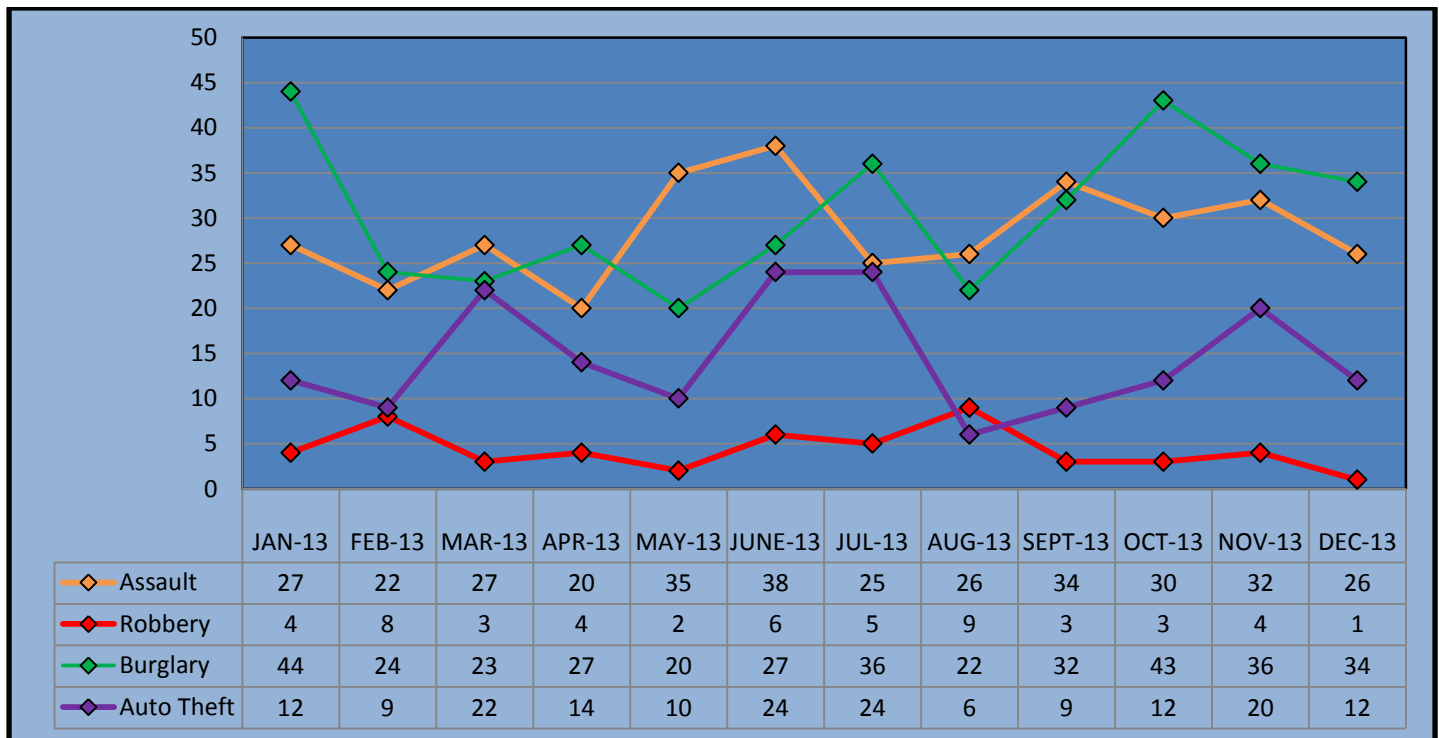
Newest Covina Officer Completes Academy Training



On Thursday January 16, 2014, Covina Police Officer Manuel Esquivel completed his 26 week Orange County Sheriff's Academy training, and finished in the top ten of his class. He will now begin his Field Training Program with the Covina Police Department.

Officer Esquivel began his Covina Police Department career working as a Police Cadet, where he quickly earned a reputation as a hard worker. Officer Esquivel was responsible for producing the very first Neighborhood Watch Report Newsletter in August 2012. While working as a Police Cadet he also completed his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Los Angeles. He also worked as a Jailer for two months prior to starting the academy.

Covina Police Crime Statistics – December 2013



Click the link below to see the crime map

<http://covinaca.gov/crime-information/crimereportscom>

Violent Crimes -29%

•Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -25%

•Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -6%



Percentages shown are increase or decrease from the previous year to date.